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TO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMCONSUL DHAHRAN

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: OTRA

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL TRAVEL: FSO EDWARD L. PECK

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1. IN LIGHT OF RESPONSES TO PROPOSAL CONTAINED REFTEL NOW RECEIVED, EMBASSY SUGGESTS FOLLOWING DETAILED TRAVEL SCHEDULE FOR E/C COUNSELOR PECK, WHO WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY MRS. PECK.

2. GIVEN RATHER CROWDED ITINERARY AND BRIEF STAY AT EACH STOP, PECK WILL RELY FULLY ON JUDGMENT OF POSTS AS TO HOW TIME CAN BEST BE USED.

3. PRIMARY FOCUS IS ON SUBJECTS RELATED TO EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC SITUATION; PERCEPTIONS OF CURRENT PROBLEMS; PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENTAL ASSISTANCE; OPEN DOOR POLICY, TRIANGULAR INVESTMENTS AND RELATED ISSUES; INTER-ARAB TRADE; BOYCOTT; REGIONAL CENTERS; ETC. SINCE THIS IS ALSO FIRST SUCH TRIP FROM EMBASSY CAIRO SINCE 1973 WAR, HOWEVER, AS WELL AS FAMILIARIZATION FOR PECK, BROAD RANGE OF USG INTERESTS IS ALSO SUITABLE FOR DISCUSSION AT MEETINGS WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS AND HOST COUNTRY OFFICIALS.

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4. PROPOSED ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS:

SUN JAN 17 MS 761 DEPART CAIRO 0600 ARRIVE JIDDA 0855

MON JAN 19 SU 100 DEPART JIDDA 0800 ARRIVE RIYADH 0920

TUE JAN 20 SU 706 DEPART RIYADH 0935 ARRIVE DHAHRAN 1025

WED JAN 21 SU 740 DEPART DHAHRAN 1000 ARRIVE ABU DHABI 1315

FRI JAN 23 KU 261 DEPART ABU DHABI 0920 ARRIVE KUWAIT 0945

SUN JAN 25 RB 342 DEPART KUWAIT 0830 ARRIVE DAMASCUS 0955

TUES JAN 27 BY CAR TO AMMAN

TUES FEB 2 RJ 501 DEPART AMMAN 1000 ARRIVE CAIRO 1215

5. PECKS WOULD APPRECIATE DOUBLE IN REASONABLY-PRICED HOTEL, WITH MOVE UP RATHER THAN DOWN, AS CIRCUMSTANCES PERMIT, IF REQUIRED. TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE WOULD ALSO BE VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

6. FOR JIDDA. EMBASSY BELIEVES VISIT TO RIYADH AS PROPOSED JIDDA 74 WOULD BE VERY USEFUL, AND REQUESTS INFO THIS MESSAGE BE PASSED LIAISON OFFICER RIYADH.

7. FOR DHAHRAN. PECK REGRETS THAT SCHEDULE COULD NOT BE ARRANGED TO COINCIDE WITH ARAMCO BRIEFING (JIDDA 74, DHAHRAN 31) AND HOPES THAT TIMING SUGGESTED ABOVE WILL PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR BRIEFINGS BY BOTH CONGEN AND ARAMCO. LODGING ON COMPOUND, IF AVAILABLE, WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

8. FOR ABU DHABI. PECK FULLY UNDERSTANDS IF KIND OFFER OF HOSPITALITY DOES NOT COVER TWO. RECALLING AMBASSADOR STERNER'S OPENHANDED GENEROSITY AT PAST PROBABILITY SYMPOSIA, PECK LOOKS FORWARD TO RENEWED DEALINGS AS PROPOSED ABU DHABI 2552.

9. FOR DAMASCUS. VISIT TO SYRIA IS ADD-ON TO ORIGINAL ITINERARY, AND IS RESULT OF RETHINKING PURPOSE OF TRIP. AS UNCLASSIFIED

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ITINERARY SHOWS, PECK HOPES OFFER BY DCM TO ASSIST IN ARRANGING LAND TRAVEL TO AMMAN IS STILL FEASIBLE.

10. FOR AMMAN. PECK FULLY UNDERSTANDS IF KIND OFFER OF HOSPITALITY DOES NOT COVER TWO.

11. FOR ALL. PLEASE ADVISE IF ABOVE SCHEDULE IS ACCEPTABLE. REGRET DELAY IN SUBMISSION.

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